

III. 13 Aug 84

A 6

USSR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
UNITED STATES & CANADA

As is known, in accordance with these plans, a total of 112 cruise missiles with nuclear warheads are to be sited on Italian territory.

The American General Rogers, NATO commander in chief, in an interview with the West German magazine STERN, speaks in favor of deploying in Western Europe, including the FRG, not only new American first-strike nuclear missiles, but also the latest chemical weapons. Meanwhile, Washington already has a chemical arsenal of 3 million shells and several dozen thousand air bombs. The 5-year widescale program of chemical rearmament of America, now being implemented, to which \$10 billion is assigned, provides for an increase in the quantity of chemical ammunition to 5 million units.

Yes, these are not little presidential jokes, but real and extremely dangerous facts. And still, one would like to believe that reason and common sense will also gain upper hand on the other side of the ocean.

#### Borovik Criticizes Statement

LD141853 Moscow Television Service in Russian 1700 GMT 14 Aug 84

[From the Vremya newscast]

[Text] Taking part in our program is writer Genrikh Borovik:

Greetings comrades. An incident [istoriya] has occurred which it is necessary to tell you about.

Every Saturday, President Reagan addresses his fellow citizens on the radio. He gives them fatherly advice on how they should live, explains the source of evil in the world and how much he, personally, has managed to do for the good of all mankind and for the strengthening of peace which is, of course, threatened by the Soviet Union. The texts of these talks are written for him by specialists in the field of sincere phrases and it is his job to utter them with sincerity in his voice, which he has long practiced since his Hollywood times.

However, each time, before the talk is recorded, the President is requested to say a few words into the microphone in order to adjust the sound level. No one writes these words for him and here the President is, so to say, given an opportunity to show the uncontrolled flow of his personal consciousness. Sometimes he counts: one, two, three, four, five. At other times he repeats a nursery rhyme learned in childhood: Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go. And so on.

But last Saturday when he took the microphone in his hand, the President uttered an amazing phrase. Dear Americans, he said, I am pleased to tell you I have just signed a law outlawing Russia forever. We begin bombing in 5 minutes. And he gave a charming smile. No, this amazing utterance did not go out over the air. But the dumb-struck technicians who were adjusting the microphone told about it and someone had recorded it on tape. Now, listen to this recording: [begin Reagan recording in English] My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I have signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in 5 minutes.

The Gannet newspaper concern published it in its newspapers. Serious alarm was aroused throughout the world. The White House did not know what to do. At first, it refused to comment, saying that Reagan's words were not intended for publication. Then they decided to give a different explanation. The President was being witty you see, making a joke. Didn't you understand that?

III. 15 Aug 84

A 7

USSR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
UNITED STATES & CANADA

But the point is that everyone did understand very well. The newspapers of the whole world would not have been wasting space on an on-off unsuccessful joke if it did not express for the umpteenth time the persistent idea pursued by the White House occupier.

It is not necessary to study the history of the sickness in order to follow its stages. Everyone remembers them well. Three years ago, Mr Reagan hammered out and circulated the grand formula: The Soviet Union is behind all disorder in the world.

The President's simple-minded -- I choose a mild word here -- view of world problems at the time amazed even the most undemanding anti-Sovietists. It was stated that the USSR was an empire of evil. Then a crusade against us was announced. I am not even mentioning such concomitant statements as the possibility of a demonstrative nuclear strike against Russia, limited nuclear war which the President, personally, cares to regard optimistically, and so on.

And now, finally election year, when the press in the President's service calls him more mature and wiser, a respectable advocate of peace and mutual understanding, he suddenly let slip what he really thinks: Outlaw Russia and begin to bomb it in 5 minutes. A joke, of course. But this is a hidden dream which has forced its way into the open. As U.S. Senator Hart said, this joke expressed the U.S. President's real feelings.

Of course, the world understands that there are many obstacles between the U.S. President's dream and its implementation. It is hoped that there will be people in America, perhaps even close to the President, who will explain to him that many people have outlawed Soviet Russia since 1917 -- but it prospers and will always prosper -- that the maniacal idea of getting rid of the Soviet Union by means of weapons failed 40 years ago and earlier, and no one will succeed in the future either.

However, the world still has cause for alarm. They say that the level of a man's humor corresponds with the level of his thinking. If this is so, are they both not too low for the President of a great country?

## Yakushkin Rails Remark

PM150925 Moscow KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA in Russian 15 Aug 84 p 3

[D. Yakushkin "Rejoinder": "He Has Grown Tired of ... 'Love of Peace'"]

[Text] It happened at the time of President Reagan's traditional radio address to the country.

As always, before embarking on the recording itself, the President was asked to do a sound check. But instead of the usual "one, two, three..." Reagan, AP reports, said into the microphone:

"My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I have just signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. Bombing begins in 5 minutes."

It must be said frankly that over the past 3 years we have ceased being surprised at much of what is said either in the White House or around it. Do you remember? First there was Secretary of State Haig with his "more important things than peace," then there was a very close presidential adviser with his ultimatum: "Either the USSR changes its system or there will be war."

Reagan himself has not lagged behind them, with his "empire of evil" and his "garbage heap of history" to which he called for Marxism-Leninism to be consigned.